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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during the examination of the instant application:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of the European Search Report (in German) conducted in European Application No. 01 12 5604, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the European Examiner cited:

(1) EP 1 199 404, which is cited as an "E" category document (i.e. older patent document that was published on or after the filing date). In particular, the European Examiner indicated that paragraphs 0011, 0021-0023, 0032, 0042, 0043 and 0052-0055, as

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well as Figs. 3A, 3B and 4, are relevant to claims 1, 9, 23, 24, 26-29, 31, 32 and 54-56 of the European Application;

(2) WO 97/03009, which is cited as an “X” category document (i.e. indicating lack of novelty) and as a “D” category document (i.e., a document discussed in the application). This document was also cited as an “A” category document (i.e., a document defining the general state of the art). As an “X” category document, the European Examiner indicated that page 10, paragraph 3 and page 9, paragraph 3 are relevant to claims 1 and 58 of the European Application. As an “A” category document, the European Examiner indicated that page 10, paragraph 3 and page 9, paragraph 3 are relevant to claims 23, 28, 31, 54-57, 59 and 60 of the European Application;

(3) DE 196 47 254, which is cited as an “A” category document. In particular, the European Examiner indicated that col. 5, lines 18-64 and Fig. 1 are relevant to claims 28, 29, 31, 32, 55 and 56 of the European Application;

(4) EP 0 979 897, which is cited as an “A” category document;

(5) EP 0 722 009, which is cited as an “A” category document;

(6) WO 00/11266, which is cited as an “A” category document;

(7) US 6,285,032 is cited in the Annex as a family member document of WO 97/03009;

(8) US 20030056920 is cited in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 979

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(9) US 6,500,305 is cited in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 979

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(10) US 5,623,771 is cited in the Annex as a family member document of EP 0 722

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(11) US 6,551,562 is cited in the Annex as a family member document of WO

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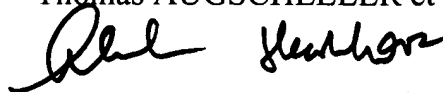
Copies of documents (1), (3)-(5) and (7)-(11) (as well as a copy of the European Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing all of these documents. However, copies of documents (2) and (6) are not being provided because they were previously cited by Applicant in the IDS filed February 15, 2002. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider documents (1)-(11) and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months from the filing date but before receiving a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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